Then & Now

Frances H. Paulette

Henry, Quite A Fellow!

PART 1

Exploring the woods, the fields and streams,
For him, no greater joy - -
He learned to swim down Cub Creek way,
When he was just a boy. . .
. . . That Henry!

At Madisonville with his Aunt Lucille,
Quite often he would stay . . .
When a trip to Pamplin came about,
It was a special day . . .
. . . For Henry!

At Appomattox High School the girls went wild,
When this fellow came to town;
'Twas hard to keep their minds on work,
With such a handsome fellow around . . .
. . . As Henry!

He went to "Tech, decided to teach 'Ag'.
And taught for many a year . . .
More than a teacher, he was a trusted friend
To the boys he held so dear . . .
. . . That was Henry!

Then politics called, he got involved . . .
Was Mayor of our town,
Gave his best in service to his fellowman,
A finer man can't be found . . .
. . . Than Henry!

HENRY PACK - during high school days.

Poor thing . . . he didn't have much of a chance! But, for a fellow who was more or less 'doomed' from the time he set foot on Appomattox soil, he did exceptionally well.

Indeed, he did do well . . . for himself, for his town and county and for a host of young men who sat in his classroom.

Doomed? We'll hear more about that later!

Henry Broderick Pack, Jr., a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Pack was born in "Tech Territory", Blacksburg, Virginia in the year 1912. His mother was the former Ollie Mae Jennings of Madisonville, Va.

For a very brief period Henry Pack, along with his family, lived in Norfolk, Va. There is one incident that stands out in his mind as he remembers his Norfolk home.

"Oh, how well I remember the whistles blowing at the end of World War I," commented Henry; "That's one thing I'll never forget!"

From Norfolk, Virginia the Pack family moved to Edwardsburg, Michigan. The reason for the move? Bent Grass!

"Hey, wait a minute," you may be saying about now; "I have heard of a lot of reasons for moving, but 'Bent Grass' is the most far-fetched yet!"

It was in Michigan that Dr. Pack and his brother-in-law, an agronomy major, developed what is known as 'Bent Grass'. The grass was used primarily for golf courses. They also dealt in a variety of fertilizers for lawns and greens and such.

While Dr. Pack was busy with the nursery and development of the grass, Henry was enjoying himself. Regardless of the season there was always something to hold his interest.

Hunting and fishing were high on Henry's list of special activities. The fishing didn't stop with the coming of cold weather; when the lake was frozen over, Henry and his friends just cut a hole in the ice and kept on fishing!

Although Henry lived in Michigan, he attended school in South Bend, Indiana, a distance of only about eleven miles. A school bus? No indeed! Henry, all of eleven years of age drove a Model T to and from school.

Bob sledding and ice-skating were two interests that occupied a lot of Henry's time.

Henry recalls a lake not too far from where he lived; the city would get blocks of ice from the lake to sell to the customers needing ice.

In 1927 when Henry Pack was an eighth-grader, his father decided that Appomattox was the place go grow 'Bent Grass' so the family headed this way.

Henry had made a lot of friends in Michigan and hated to leave. If only he could have known what Appomattox held in store for him!

Back THEN, families didn't move as frequently as today and when a new student, especially a handsome one, entered a school it caused quite a 'stir' among the girls. Henry did more than that!

The girls in Appomattox High School were in a 'dither' hoping to get the attention of the new young man . . . all but one girl. She, very calmly, said to the other girls, "He's going to be my fellow!" He was . . . and more!

So, from the beginning, Henry was "doomed" . . . didn't have a fighting chance! The truth is, Henry was quite happy about the situation. He began dating that girl, Lucy Caldwell in 1928 and in 1935 she became Mrs. Henry Pack.

Henry Pack called several places 'home' during his youth.

For a brief time after living in Norfolk and before moving to Michigan, Henry made his home in Madisonville with his Aunt Lucille. He was about nine years of age at the time and during that stay he truly 'fell in love' with the communities of Madisonville and Pamplin.

During a revival meeting in the Centenary United Methodist Church, Madisonville, Henry took accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and was later baptized in the same church. The church was so crowded on this particular night that the barefoot Henry had to crawl in a window in the back of the church.

The Pugh and Morris families of Madisonville, saw about as much of Henry as his own family. Being an only child he treasured the friendship of these larger families, and enjoyed eating at their homes.

It was while the family was in Madisonville that Henry's only sister, Lucille, was born. She is now Mrs. Anderson, living in Birmingham, Alabama.

Upon moving to Appomattox, Henry made it a point to visit the communities of Madisonville and Pamplin as often as possible.

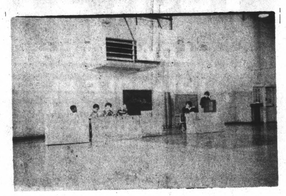
"The biggest thing in Appomattox when I was in high school," commented Henry in a recent interview, "was baseball!

. . . John Curtis Caldwell's team".

On Saturday afternoon, in the Appomattox Fair Grounds, directly in front of where the **Times-Virginian** *is now located, the cry was "Play Ball!"*

Among those participating in the Tri-County League baseball games were in addition to Henry Pack: Ned Hancock, Watkins Abbitt, Carlisle Scruggs, the late "Stick" Scruggs and John C. Caldwell.

Life for Henry Pack was more, much more than baseball, hunting and fishing. I hope you will find the time to join me in the second part of "HENRY, QUITE A FELLOW!"



Career Guidance Week

In observance of Career Guidance Week parents were invited to a parent coffee hour at Appomattox Middle School on November 9. Mrs. H. Foster, Appomattox Middle School principal, gave the philosophy and objectives of the middle school. Following a question and answer period, Mr. Meadows, explained the Title IV-C program and the guidance activities within the school. Mrs. Carter invited parents to participate in developmental groups. By participating in these groups this will give parents an opportunity to know what the counselors try to accomplish with their children.

Following the coffee hour, a student-conducted assembly entitled "What's My Career" was presented.

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Raiders Dominate All-District Team

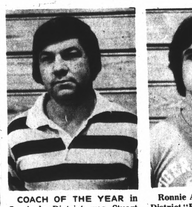
By Billy Conner

FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS from left, Ronnie Abernathy, Glen Gilliam, Joe Fraley, and Darrell Schrock. Abernathy received the honor as offensive guard and also defensive linebacker. On offense he received a 94% rating from his coaches for his blocking ability. On defense he was credited with 72 solo tackles, 94 assists, 2 safeties, 5 interceptions, 5 fumble recoveries and 2 blocked punts. He was named "Player of the Year" in Seminole District. Gilliam was selected for his performance at defensive end where he had 52 solo tackles, 61 assists, blocked 2 punts (one for a touchdown) and recovered 3 fumbles. Fraley was voted best quarterback in the district. As field general for the Raiders, in addition to his ball handling chores, he carried the ball 43 times for 401 yards, he passed 140 times, completing 86 for 1,588 yards and 23 touchdowns. Four of his aerials were intercepted. Schrock, All-District Offensive End, was one of Fraley's favorite targets. During the season Schrock caught 38 passes for 920 yards and 17 touchdowns.

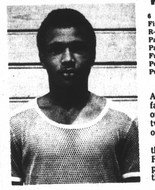
SECOND TEAM ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS from left, Terry Woods, Duane Gilliam, Gus Paulette, Joe Fraley and Ronnie Hodnett. Woods was the workhorse for the Raiders carrying 155 times for 1,140 yards and 14 touchdowns. He hauled in 16 passes for an additional 395 yards and a total yardage of 1,535. Gilliam at defensive end received credit for 44 solo tackles, 51 assists, 2 pass interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 blocked punt.

Fraley was named to the second team for his performance at defensive safety position. He intercepted 3 passes during the season and recovered 2 fumbles.

Hodnett, at his defensive back position, had 36 solo tackles, 41 assists, recovered 4 fumbles and intercepted 3 passes. Paulette, at offensive tackle, received an 88% rating from his coaches for carrying out his blocking assignments.



COACH OF THE YEAR in Seminole District was Stuart Justus of A.C.H.S. This is first such honor for Justus although he has been runner-up in this category five times.

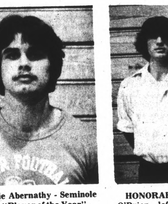


Myron McCoy made All District First Team as offensive tackle where he received 90% rating from his coaches for his blocking ability. He was named to the Second Team as defensive linebacker. In that position he made 70 solo tackles, had 90 assists, 1 pass interception, recovered 2 fumbles and blocked 2 punts.

MIGHTY FOUR MEETS

On November 14 the Mighty Four 4-H met. The meeting had a very good program. Mrs. Webb Babcock talked to our group about older people and their needs. Our club plans to help some of the older people of Appomattox. We would like to thank Mrs. Babcock for her interesting program.

Blair Smith, Reporter



Ronnie Abernathy - Seminole District "Player of the Year"

Cavaliers Defeat Raiders 20 to 7

	Appo.	F-C
First Downs	6	19
R-Yards	19-19	61-329
Passing	7-16-1	2-3-0
Pass. Yds	134	17
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-3
Penalties	8-104	9-89
Punts	4-164	2-60

The Raiders bid for a Group AA Region III championship failed Saturday as the Cavaliers of Fieldale-Collinsville scored twice in the first half and held on to defeat Appomattox 20-7.

For the second straight week the statistics favored the Raiders opponent, but the explosive offense was not there this time to pull it out.

Trailing 14-0 at the end of three periods, the Raiders' S. L. Ferguson pounced on a Cavalier fumble early in the fourth stanza. Quarterback Joe Fraley passed to Darrell Schrock at the Cavalier four yard line and Terry Woods took the ball in for the Raiders first score. Freddie Mitchell added the extra point and the Raiders were back in the ball game with just over 10 minutes remaining.

Coach Justus chose to kick away, rather than try an on-side kick, expecting the momentum to be with his team and fully expecting the defense to hold and give the ball back to the offense. The Cavaliers, however, had plans of their own and one of them was to play in the Group AA, State semi-finals next week, so they played ball control, marched 82 yards in 13 plays, used 7 minutes off the clock and picked up 6 more points to put the game out of reach.

None-the-less, Appomattox had an excellent season, won a Seminole District Championship, a Region III play-off game, coach of the year, had 10 players receiving All-District honors and 5 players receiving All-Region honors, and, who knows, the All-State team hasn't been named yet.

Congratulations to the RAIDERS, THE COACHING STAFF AND A.C.H.S.

Appo. 0 0 0 7=7
Field Goals 8 0 6-20
FC-Battle 13 run (Pass failed)
FC-Lawson 3 run (Staples-run)
A-Woods 4 run (Mitchell kick)
FC-Lawson 15 run (pass failed)

HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS were presented to Kevin O'Brien, left, Andrew Kelso, center and Darrell Schrock. O'Brien was rated at 84% for his blocking and line play by the Raider coaching staff.

Kelso, from the offensive backfield, carried 112 times for 772 yards and scored 9 touchdowns. He caught 12 passes good for 124 yards.

Schrock, as defensive back, had 2 interceptions and recovered 2 fumbles.

Kenny Wayne Burks, left, and Freddie Mitchell received All District Honorable Mention for their specialty performances during 1978 season. Burks punted 28 times for 38.3 yard average. Mitchell was consistant kicker for Raiders and received credit for 48 points in field goals and PAT. His longest FG was a 37 yarder at Brookville.

Primary School Menu

Mon., Nov. 27 - Corn dog, apple sauce, green peas, milk, cake, sauce.

Tues., Nov. 28 - Turkey on a bun, string beans, buttered rice, milk, cookie

Wed., Nov. 29 - Spaghetti, tossed salad, cheese squares, mixed fruit, roll, butter, milk

Thurs., Nov 30 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, slaw, banana pudding, milk

Fri., Dec. 1 - Fish squares, mixed greens, creamed potatoes, roll, butter, milk, ice cream.

Little League Basketball Sign-Up

There will be a sign-up for the Little League Basketball program this Saturday, November 25, 1978, at the circle at the Appomattox Middle School. Boys, age 8 through 13, may sign up between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m.

Name_____

Age_____

Date of Birth_____

Signature of Parent_____

AMS 7th Grade 4-H Club

The AMS 7th grade 4-H Club held their first meeting on September 26. We elected officers who are president, Bobby Carter; vice-president, Julie Lettener; secretary, Vivian Seay and reporter Dana Moore. Also we talked about the Bike-a-Thon and tried to encourage people to participate.

We held our second meeting on October 10. Eve Thomas and Harold Vassar lead us in the American Pledge and the 4-H Pledge. Mr. Smith took up 4-H project books and told us some things about the new ones which they had.

Dana Moore, Reporter

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